



ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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Regular Meeting, Open Session Minutes Illinois Gaming Board Chicago, Illinois November 7, 2019

The Illinois Gaming Board (“Board”) convened for a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at approximately 9:10 A.M. in the Conference Room of the Gaming Board office on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building Center, Chicago, IL pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*

A roll call was taken. The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Anthony Garcia. Five members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

At approximately 9:11 A.M., Member Dolins moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c), paragraphs (11) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss items on the closed session agenda relating to the closed session minutes and pending litigation. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Thereafter, the Board moved from the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building to the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the building for a closed session meeting, the minutes of which are separately recorded.

At approximately 10:16 A.M., the Board returned to the Conference Room on the 5th Floor of the Michael Bilandic Building, in Chicago, Illinois to reconvene its Regular Meeting of Thursday, November 7, 2019 pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*

The following Board members were physically present: Chairman Charles Schmadeke, Member Steve Dolins, Member Ruben Ramirez, Member Dionne Hayden and Member Anthony Garcia. Five members of the Board being physically present, a quorum was satisfied.

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve the open session minutes from its Regular Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2019. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Schmadeke commended the IGB’s investigative agents on their actions regarding the recent arrest of Vincenzo Dublino. The Chairman mentioned that this action is directly related to the agency’s efforts to support and protect the integrity and safety of the Illinois gaming industry.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Marcus Fruchter noted that IGB staff has been quite busy since the last Board meeting. In addition to the Board's normally heavy workload, the recent gaming expansion legislation has led to a flurry of new activity. The Administrator likewise thanked IGB agents for their hard work in connection with the Vincenzo Dublino arrest. The Administrator commented briefly on sports wagering rules and noted that the public comment period is now closed and those comments remain available for viewing on the IGB's website. He thanked everyone who took the time and effort to submit comments and noted that the IGB anticipates releasing applications and rules related to sport wagering prior to or contemporaneously with the December 2019 Board meeting. With respect to new casino applications, the Administrator noted that the IGB has received ten applications which staff has begun to process and review in an expeditious, ethical, transparent and independent manner. The Administrator noted that staff is also reviewing two new applications for racetrack casinos. Administrator Fruchter mentioned the new ethical conduct Rule 3000.190 that was recently adopted and provided the IGB email address that was specially created in order to report information related to the ethical conduct provisions. The Administrator also announced the 2020 Board meeting dates as follows: January 30, March 12, April 22, June 11, July 30, September 17, November 5 and December 17. In light of all of the new applications resulting from gaming expansion, Administrator Fruchter emphasized the importance of timely and complete submissions. He noted that applicants, licensees, and attorneys that come before the Board are expected to comply with Board requirements and application procedures on the first try. While the Administrator acknowledged that the majority of the industry already acts in the expected manner, it is nevertheless important to emphasize the importance of the matter. The Administrator then yielded the remainder of his time to General Counsel Agostino Lorenzini who mentioned that long-time gaming attorney, John Janicik (Mayer Brown), recently passed away. General Counsel Lorenzini noted that John was an outstanding attorney and a wonderful person.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: David Barr, representing Community Financial Service Centers; Andy Sotiropoulos, owner of Connie's Family Restaurant; Bob Collimore, speaking about the Waukegan Casino, and Anita Bedell, Executive Director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems on the topic of terminal operators and undue economic concentration.

CASINO

RULEMAKING

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice proposed new rules 3000.520, 3000.530, 3000.540 as well as amendments to Rule 3000.320. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

OWNER LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Consideration:

- **Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino – Boyd Gaming Corporation** – Request for Initial Consideration, Waiver of Two Meeting Rule, and Final Consideration for refinancing transaction

Member Garcia moved that the Board waive the two meeting rule and approve the request by licensee **Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation d/b/a Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino** for parent company Boyd Gaming Corporation, to enter into a refinancing transaction including subsidiary guarantee by Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation, for an amount not to exceed the maximum refinancing amount of \$2.5 billion, subject to the final executed documents being provided to the Illinois Gaming Board and the Administrator's determination that the terms and conditions are materially consistent with those disclosed to the Board. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino-Des Plaines** – Request for Initial Consideration and Waiver of Two Meeting Rule to Approve Land-based Gambling Operations at Rivers

Member Dolins moved that the Board waive the two meeting rule and approve Midwest Gaming & Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rivers Casino's request to conduct land-based gambling operations as permitted under 230 ILCS 10/7(k) of the Illinois Gambling Act subject to payment of the \$250,000 fee. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Final Consideration:

- **Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton** – Final Consideration of Owners License Renewal

Member Ramirez moved that the Board renew **Alton Casino, LLC d/b/a Argosy Casino Alton's** Owners License for a period of four years retroactive to October 2019, expiring in October 2023, and find the following suitable as Key Persons of the licensee:

- Penn National Gaming, Inc.
- CRC Holdings, Inc.
- Penn Tenant, LLC
- Penn National Holdings, LLC
- Timothy J. Wilmott
- Jay Snowden
- Richard Primus
- Todd George
- Shamira Mavany
- Brian Wasilefski
- Jason Taylor
- Peter M. Carlino

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Key Persons:

- **Anthony Paul Rodio, Sr.** – Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Caesars Entertainment Corporation for Illinois Owners Licensees Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel and Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino

Member Ramirez moved that the Board find **Anthony Paul Rodio, Sr.** suitable as a key person for Des Plaines Development Limited Partnership d/b/a Harrah's Joliet Casino & Hotel and Southern Illinois Riverboat/Casino Cruises LLC d/b/a Harrah's Metropolis Casino in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Caesars Entertainment Corporation. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

SUPPLIER LICENSEE ITEMS

- **Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc.**

Member Schmadeke moved that the Board table consideration of this application for further investigation into criminal allegations regarding indirect owner Professor Johann F. Graf, under investigation by Austrian authorities. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Bally Gaming, Inc.**

Member Schmadeke moved that the Board table consideration of this application for further investigation. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **NRT Technology Corporation**

Member Dolins moved that the Board renew NRT Technology Corporation's Casino Supplier License for a period of four years, retroactive to October 2019, expiring October 2023, and find the following persons suitable as Key Persons of the licensee:

- Dominet Corporation
- John Dominelli

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Key Persons:

- **Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha** – Parent Company and 100% Owner of Gaming Partners International Corporation, the 100% Owner of Licensee, Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board find Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha suitable as a Key Person for Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Yasushi Shigeta** – President and Chief Executive Officer of Gaming Partners International Corporation and 100% Owner and Managing Director of Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha, the ultimate parent of Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

Member Hayden moved that the Board find Angel Holdings Godo Kaisha suitable as a Key Person for Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Level 2 and Level 3 Licenses – Approvals and Denials:

Member Hayden moved that the Board approve **88 Level 2** and **136 Level 3** occupational licenses and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to:

- **David Alan Reed**
- **Michael Anthony Monti**

Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals:

Member Garcia moved that the Board renew the Level 1, 2, and 3 licenses of individuals who were licensed or renewed in October or November 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Illinois Gambling Act and the Board's Rules. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS

Member Dolins moved that the Board revoke the Level 3 occupational license of **Salabiu Yinka Rosenje**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board revoke the Level 3 occupational license of **Patria Ja Nel Edwards**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board revoke the Level 3 occupational license of **Mayela Rangel-Kirby**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that the Board revoke the Level 2 occupational license of **Michelle Nicole Brown**, with that action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member

Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board revoke the Level 3 occupational license of **Alisha Marie Terronez**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board revoke the Level 2 occupational license of **Patrick Kevin Judge**, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board fine licensee **Felicia Yvette Perona** \$250.00, with said action taking effect 21 days after the Notice of Disciplinary Complaint is served, unless an answer is properly filed within that timeframe in accordance with Rule 1125. Member Ramirez seconded the motion.

Member Dolins then motioned to amend the fine to \$150.00. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 via voice vote. Chairman Schmadeke voted nay. The amended motion passed via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING

RULEMAKING

- **Section 1800.340 regarding Change in Ownership of Terminal Operators and Assets Held by Terminal Operators**

Member Garcia moved that the Board find that not approving transfers of ownership in a terminal operator constitutes an immediate threat to the public interest, safety, or welfare to the people of the State, as required by Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act, and approved the proposed Rule 340 as an emergency rule effective upon filing, and for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **VGA Subpart U**

Member Garcia moved that the Board approve for submission to the Index Department of the Secretary of State on First Notice proposed new Video Gaming Act Subpart U. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Standard Form Use Agreement**

Member Dolins moved that the Board adopt the agreement that staff has presented as the Standard Form Use Agreement, effective December 1, 2019. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TERMINAL OPERATOR LICENSEE ITEMS

Initial Licenses

- **CCFVG, Inc.**

Member Ramirez moved that the Board issue a terminal Operator license to **CCFVG, Inc.** for a term of one year, expiring in November 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Elite Gaming, LLC**

Member Hayden moved that the Board issue a terminal Operator license to **Elite Gaming, LLC** for a term of one year, expiring in November 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **Illinois Gaming Entertainment LLC**

Member Garcia moved that the Board issue a terminal Operator license to **Illinois Gaming Entertainment LLC** for a term of one year, expiring in November 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

- **United Gaming Operator LLC**

Member Hayden moved that the Board issue a terminal Operator license to **United Gaming Operator LLC** for a term of one year, expiring in November 2020, as the applicant has demonstrated its qualifications and suitability for licensure. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals

- **RCW Gaming, LLC**

Member Garcia moved that the Board renew **RCW Gaming, LLC's** Terminal Operator license for a period of one year, retroactive to October 2019 and expiring in October 2020. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved move that the Board renew the following Terminal Operator licenses for a period of one year, expiring in November 2020.

- **Barcade Gaming, LLC d/b/a Capital Gaming**
- **Dearborn Gaming, LLC**
- **Empire Gaming, LLC**
- **National Gaming Operators LLC**

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

TECHNICIANS & TERMINAL HANDLERS

Initial Licenses – Approval and Denials

Member Ramirez moved that the Board approve **2 Technician licenses** and **79 Terminal Handler licenses**, and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to the following individuals:

- **Laura Ann McCormack**
- **Michael Christopher Morris**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Hayden moved that the Board renew the Technician and Terminal Handler licenses that were licensed or renewed in October and November 2018 and who have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fees, and are in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

VIDEO GAMING ESTABLISHMENT APPLICATIONS

Initial Licenses - Approvals & Denials

Member Garcia moved that the Board amend the motion made on September 16, 2019 to the following: Based on staff's investigation and recommendation, I move that the Board approve 115 Video Gaming License applications, for a period of one year, expiring in September 2020, subject to the licensee's payment of the applicable fee on or before October 31, 2019. I further move that the minutes of the September 2019 Open Session meeting be amended accordingly. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board approve 162 Video Gaming Establishment License applications, for a period of one year, expiring in November 2020, subject to licensee's payment of the applicable licensing fee on or before December 31, 2019, and further authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to the following 16 applicants:

- 1. CIRCUIT CORP. d/b/a ANGEL'S PALACE (180701365)**
- 2. EL JEFE AZTECA INC. d/b/a EL JEFE AZTECA (180704396)**
- 3. Greenbriar Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Brickstone Restaurant & Brewery (190701519)**
- 4. Grinner's Place LLC d/b/a Grinner's Place (190700943)**
- 5. Hart One d/b/a EL MARIACHE (190700930)**
- 6. Jalisco Maroa Inc. d/b/a Jalisco (190701064)**
- 7. Juanita's Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Juanita's Restaurant (180700302)**
- 8. La Hacienda Del Agave, Corp. d/b/a Rito's Mexican Restaurant (180704325)**
- 9. Lady Luck Slots LLC d/b/a Lady Luck Slots (190701786)**
- 10. NICHOLAS ROSE HOLDINGS CORPORATION d/b/a TAYLOR STREET DELI (180704550)**

- 11. Not Too Far Bar And Grill, LLC d/b/a Not Too Far Bar and Grill (190700566)**
- 12. RICKERD, INC. d/b/a PORT NOIR (180702450)**
- 13. ROMANO MERCATO ITALIANO INC. d/b/a Romano's (180701986)**
- 14. ANGIES GAMING INC. d/b/a ANGIE'S (180703108)**
- 15. Debra Wells d/b/a DEB'S RED ROSE (190702874)**
- 16. Village Pub Of Crest Hill, Inc. d/b/a Village Pub Of Crest Hill (180704331)**

Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that Board deny leave to withdraw the Video Gaming Establishment License applications of Trudy's Café LLC, and authorize the Administrator to issue Notices of Denial to the following: Trudy's Cafe LLC d/b/a Trudy's Café (180704167) Sauk Village; and Trudy's Cafe LLC d/b/a Trudy's Café (180703393). Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

License Renewals and Non-Renewals

Member Ramirez moved that the Board renew the licenses of Retail Establishments, Truck Stop Establishments, Veterans Establishments and Fraternal Establishments that were licensed or renewed in October and November 2018 and that have properly updated their applications, timely paid their annual fee, and are otherwise in compliance with the requirements of the Video Gaming Act and the Board's Rules; and that the Board authorize the Administrator to **issue Notices of Non-renewal** to the following:

- **Corey Gillam d/b/a George's Pub (150702829)**
- **Blue Tin Martini Lounge, LLC. d/b/a Blue Tin Martini Lounge, LLC (180701587)**
- **Room 183, INC. d/b/a ROOM 183 (160702186)**

Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

REQUESTS FOR HEARING, REQUESTS TO REAPPLY

Requests for Hearing

Member Hayden moved that the Board deny the hearing request submitted by Charles H & Sandra N Sine d/b/a The Pub Club Broadway. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

LITIGATION/SETTLEMENTS

Member Garcia moved that the Board rescind the denial and grant Priya Tobacco Inc. d/b/a The Tobacco Shop an establishment license. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that the Board rescind its previous denial and grant Napoli Cucina L.L.C. d/b/a Canta Napoli an establishment license, pending hiring an accounting firm. Member Dolins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Garcia moved that the Board rescind its previous denial and grant CH House Corp. d/b/a The

Coach House Bar & Grill an establishment license. Member Hayden seconded the motion. Member Dolins recused himself. The motion passed 4-0 via voice vote.

Member Dolins moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into settlement negotiations with WML Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Jen G's Pizza & Pub and to settle the matter, and if appropriate, resolve the disciplinary complaint. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Ramirez moved that the Board accept the settlement offer from Stanislaus Pasioka, allow applicant to reapply for licensure and to terminate the administrative hearing process. Member Hayden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Member Hayden moved that the Board authorize the Administrator to enter into a settlement agreement with De'Ante Young and to settle the matter for a fine amount of \$250 and if appropriate, resolve the disciplinary complaint. Member Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

ADJOURN

Member Dolins moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.